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Fire chief announces retirement

ANGELICA INGRAM
Staff Reporter

He started his career in the park and eventually worked his way up to become the first paid fire chief for the municipality of Dysart et al.

Soon Miles Maughan will be heading into a new position, one of the few he has never had before: retiree.

On Jan. 25 at the regular meeting of Dysart council, Maughan announced that as of this June he will be retiring from his position as municipal fire chief.

"After a number of years it's time to turn the reins over to someone else with more energy and the ability to change with the times," he told the paper.

Born and raised in Haliburton, Maughan has been working for the municipality since 1977 in a variety of roles.

"I started out in the parks [department] as a part-time job," he told the *Echo* following the meeting. "I was 19 years old."

Maughan moved on to the roads department, eventually becoming the roads superintendent and then operations manager.

He pursued a career in municipal work as it was a good, year-round opportunity at the time, he said.

Throughout his nearly 40-year career with Dysart, Maughan also served as a volunteer firefighter, something that was close to his heart.

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Hawks take down Tigers
The Lakefield Tigers forward Kenny Pipher, left, jumps to steal a rebound from Red Hawks senior post player Jalen Campbell during a Kawartha Interlock A game on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The Hawks jumped to a 14-10 lead at the half and poured it on in the second and cruised to a 54-28 win. Nick Thompson led all scorers with 16 points, followed closely by Hunter Smith, who scored 12 points./DARREN LUM Staff

New food bank open in Wilberforce

ANGELICA INGRAM
Staff Reporter

A volunteer at the Wilberforce Food Bank pushes a red cart along two rows of shelves that stretch from floor to ceiling.

The shelves are arranged with stacks of food, just like they would at a grocery store.

Down the aisle you see tubs of peanut butter, packages of rice, boxes of crackers, tea and much more.

The facility seems like a store, with bright and natural light, and a clean, friendly atmosphere.

Residents of the community come into the building, where they are met with smiles, laughter and familiar faces.

They start their shopping process and a volunteer helps them fill the cart with items they would like.

It's a comfortable environment that almost feels like a community hub.

The Wilberforce Food Bank opened its new location on Jan. 6 and the place has been buzzing ever since.

Located at 2249 Loop Rd., at the back of the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre, the food bank moved from its previous temporary home at the former Wilberforce library branch.

Food bank manager Ken Mott said the donations have been coming in steadily and he and the other volunteers have been busy picking up items from various locations.

"We do a fair amount of buying," he

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Maughan was first full-time, paid fire chief for Dysart

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In 1991 he became the fire chief, however, he still worked in the roads department while leading the crew that was, and still is, made up of volunteers.

Maughan became the municipality's first full-time, paid fire chief in 2009.

Now 58, the chief is looking forward to the next stage of his life.

"I've been able to retire since 2013," he said, when asked what sparked the decision.

Maughan said his wife and son are supportive of the decision, although he jokes his wife has reservations about going to work in the summertime while Maughan gets to stay at home.

Looking ahead to the next chapter, Maughan plans to spend his time outside partaking in some of his favourite activities, such as canoeing and snowshoeing.

"I'd like to try stand-up paddle-boarding," he said. "And I have a bush lot where I can go cut snowshoe trails and ATV trails ... and I have some to-do jobs at home."

The chief has thoroughly enjoyed his time with the municipality and has seen plenty of change in his career, including working under four different chief administrative officers and seeing firefighters come and go.

There have also been changes to methods in firefighting, equipment, training and much more.

Firefighting is a big commitment, as is keeping up with the training and education component, said Maughan.

"The fire chief's position in itself is changing and evolving," he said. "Now it's more a director of emergency services for the municipality ... it's a big job. It's time for somebody new to take it over."

Maughan will be staying in the community and also plans to stay on as a volunteer firefighter.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey has watched Maughan climb up the municipal ladder and says he will miss the dedicated employee.

"He's done everything that he was ever asked to do, without hesitation and he's just been a model employee for working with council," said the reeve. "He served well in a volunteer capacity as well as an employee. There's nothing but good to say about his performance."

The reeve commended Maughan's ability to learn new things and get along with his volunteer firefighters.

Fearrey said the municipality will be looking at filling Maughan's position in the next couple of months.

Maughan has some advice to the next chief that steps in to fill his shoes, whoever it may be.

"They won't know it all, it takes years. And you have to earn the respect of firefighters, the community," he says as his voice chokes up.

Asked if he will miss his firefighters, Maughan replies "definitely."

The chief's last official day will be June 30.

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Crosswalk being reconsidered

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Jan. 25, meeting of Dysart et al council.

Councillors are straying from a decision they made last year regarding a pedestrian crosswalk at the west side of Highland Street, York Street and Cedar Avenue.

The decision was made at a Nov. 23 meeting of council, where councillors passed a resolution to put the crosswalk into the 2016 budget for approval.

The initial decision for the crosswalk was made following a traffic study done by Tranplan Associates, which concluded there was enough traffic to warrant a courtesy pedestrian crosswalk.

However, now councillors are not sure it should be installed, with Reeve Murray Fearrey doubtful.

"The more I think about it I'm not sure it should go there," he said.

Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts had expressed hesitation on the location of the crosswalk at the December meeting, but council said the decision had been made.

Roberts said she believed the decision was final, as a resolution was passed.

Discussion over installing an "artistic" crosswalk was had, however councillors weren't in favour of this, as it is strictly meant to be a safety feature for town.

Harcourt residents begin work on rebuilding community centre

Following a devastating fire that destroyed the Harcourt Community Centre in November of last year, residents of the hamlet are looking towards rebuilding the popular community hub.

Councillor Tammy Donaldson told the *Echo* a brainstorming meeting was held in Wilberforce at the beginning of January to start making plans for the new centre.

Details on a construction timeline are unknown, as the municipality is still waiting for the insurance claim to be finalized.

In the meantime, a fundraising committee has been formed and plans are coming together for a benefit dance to take place on Feb. 27 at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre in Wilberforce.

Chairwoman of the committee Barb Robertson wrote in a letter to council that the committee is aware the insurance money will not completely cover the rebuild, in particular the furnishings, and asked if the municipality would help cover the fee for renting the LWMC.

Councillors approved covering the $172 insurance fee for the dance.

Skating oval ready for use

After months of work and waiting for Mother Nature's co-operation, the skating oval in Head Lake Park is ready to be used.

Recreation co-ordinator Andrea Mueller told councillors there is a evening skate event planned for Feb. 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be music and lights.

Fundraising for skatepark

There are a number of fundraisers coming up for the Junction Skate Park in the village.

On Feb. 19 the municipality will be organizing a Battle of the Bands event at the community centre. Tickets cost $10 and pizza and pop will be sold there. It is an all ages event.

On March 16, Sir Sam's Ski/Ride will be hosting a ski/board-athon, with funds raised going to the skate park.

Any participant who raises more than $50 will be given a complimentary lift ticket. There will be music, competitions and demonstrations throughout the day, according to Mueller.

Man killed in snowmobile crash

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

A 51-year-old Tillsonburg man is dead after a snowmobile crash in Gelert on Monday, Jan. 18.

According to the Haliburton Highlands OPP, just before 2 p.m. a snowmobiler travelling west on the Haliburton County Rail Trail entered the intersection at Francis Road, striking a southbound pickup truck.

Francis Road is located off Sedgwick in the hamlet of Gelert in Minden Hills township.

Two women travelling in the pickup truck were not injured, police say.

The Tillsonburg man was pronounced dead. His identity is not being released at the request of the family.

Francis Road was closed for a number of hours Monday as OPP investigated the crash scene.

The accident was the second serious snowmobile crash in Haliburton County in two days after a 41-year-old local man was airlifted to hospital following a crash on Sunday, Jan. 17.

Community groups partnering with food bank

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said. "You never know what you're going to get and when you're going to get it."

A new, custom ordered fridge and freezer are set to arrive on Feb. 9, which Mott is looking forward to. The food bank has access to the adjoining kitchen in the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre for programming.

A part of the Central Food Network, the food bank is run by a board of directors. The Cardiff Food Bank is also part of the CFN.

The Wilberforce Food Bank has been working in conjunction with the Minden location and other provincial food banks.

Managing the Wilberforce Food Bank for the past 12 years, Mott said the usage varies, depending on the time of the month and year. The manager said in the summer the food bank can assist anywhere between 25 and 40 families. In the winter it can be upwards of 70 families.

The food bank has already been receiving frozen meals from the SIRCH Community Kitchen program, which it has distributed to the community, said Mott. A partnership with Foodland has resulted in regular bread donations that go into the freezer, ensuring longevity.

The Good Food Box program also works with the food bank, Mott said.

A garage door at the back of the building allows for trailers filled with food to back right up into the building, which allows more time for unloading and organizing.

The manager is thrilled with the accessible facility thus far, although space for food is always going to be an issue, he said.

A grand opening for the food bank is slated for the spring.

The Wilberforce Food Bank is open from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. The third Thursday of the month is the Good Food Box program from 12 to 2:30 p.m. For more information contact Mott at 705-935-1956.

> ***"You never know what you're going to get and when you're going to get it."***
>
> — Wilberforce Food Bank manager Ken Mott

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Patterson subject of new book on cancer

ANGELICA INGRAM
Staff Reporter

When Haliburton's John Patterson was diagnosed with malignant melanoma, he turned to his sister-in-law Alanna Mitchell for help.

Patterson, who has faced cancer once before, was diagnosed just shy of six years ago.

"This was a different matter because melanoma is a different kind of cancer that's pretty aggressive," he said. "I'd met many people who had cancer ... and here it was on my doorstep."

The community advocate said he received a significant amount of support and positive messages from friends and family following the diagnosis, as well as advice.

"One of the things I was getting was a whole lot of input from people about friends they'd had or people they'd read about who had done this, that and the other thing when they got cancer," he said. "And that part, frankly, was somewhat overwhelming."

Patterson knows the input came from a place of love, however the volume was difficult to sort through, which led to him turning to his sister-in-law.

"So I asked her to help me sort through just the volume of stuff," he said. "She took on that role for me and it was really very helpful indeed."

An award-winning journalist and author, Mitchell has tackled many scientific topics and undertaken complex layers of research in her line of work, so she decided cancer research shouldn't be any different.

"He [Patterson] just said, look, I have this diagnosis and it's so difficult to understand ... this very complicated medical system," she said. "You know you're in shock I think ... when you have that kind of diagnosis."

The request turned into research which in turn resulted in a new book titled *Malignant Metaphor*, where Mitchell examines the disease, which can often be deadly, and the myths that surround it.

Following the news she got from her brother-in-law, and then her daughter Calista's diagnosis with the disease, Mitchell wrote the book because, as she writes in the introduction, "cancer barged into my life."

"It's one of the risks of having a sister-in-law who's a journalist, you end up being a research subject," said Mitchell. "He [Patterson] said to me one time this is not the kind of memoir I wanted written about my life."

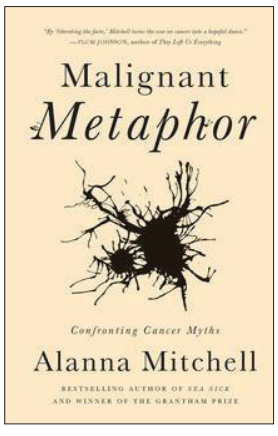
Published in September 2015, the book takes the reader on a journey, starting with Patterson's diagnosis.

Patterson, who has lived in the area for many years, said the idea for a book didn't come until later in his cancer journey and was Mitchell's idea.

"She, being a writer, said this is the stuff of which books are made," he said. "I didn't immediately jump at the possibility."



David Patterson, Abbey Gardens founder and local philanthropist, shared his cancer experience with his sister-in-law and journalist Alanna Mitchell, who recently wrote Malignant Metaphor. FILE PHOTO



After some conversation about the approach Mitchell wanted to take, Patterson was on board. The trust and comfort he had in his relative helped him make that decision, he said.

"If you trust the person you're working with it makes all the difference in the world. That was, in fact, the key factor ... I knew that she would make it lively ... and I wanted it to be personal without being intrusive on anybody."

The fourth book Mitchell has published, *Malignant Metaphor* was an emotional and personal ride for the writer but an eye-opening one as well. Looking for answers, it was challenging for Mitchell as there is a vast amount of cancer research going on.

"Medical literature is incredibly contradictory," she said.

The idea of writing about cancer had been on her mind for some time and an article that Mitchell wrote for *The United Church Observer*, also titled "Malignant Metaphor," paved the way for the book.

"They got really excited about this whole concept so I wrote a piece for them," she said.

Once she started writing about cancer Mitchell found she couldn't stop, and the book just came pouring out of her.

"It was this book I hadn't really known was in there and then it just came out," she said.

Mitchell traces the history of cancer becoming "the big bogeymen" back to 1950, when a diagnosis started to have a stigma attached.

"Most of us, if we get that diagnosis, we feel like we've done something wrong. That the diagnosis of cancer is a billboard for our secret sins," she said.

Described by the writer as a piece of investigative journalism, Mitchell's goal with the book is to try to open a conversation about cancer that she believes is lacking in our society and take away that stigma.

"We think that it is much more common than it is. We think that there are triggers for it that may or may not be actually true. We think that there is a code of conduct that we have to follow to prevent cancer ... there are ways of lowering your risks for developing certain types of cancer, but this whole discourse about preventing cancer, I think, is very worrisome," she says.

"What we're talking about here is a phenomenon that has been misrepresented in our society," she says. "It's a terrible thing, there's no question this is a terrible suite of illnesses that all derive from a single cell that goes wonky in our body ... even though it's so devastating our society makes it even more devastating than it is by shrouding it with all sorts of other emotional baggage."

Since the book was published, Patterson has received positive feedback about the information in it. He has heard stories of it shared with cancer support groups and those dealing with the disease.

Patterson was involved with the project along the way, reading draft versions and seeing each chapter as it unfolded.

However that still did not prepare him for when the book was finally completed.

"I was somewhat overcome with amazement that this whole journey, both my own personal journey and the creation of the book, all of a sudden there it is in your hands ... it's just kind of overwhelming. I found it, frankly, a very emotional experience."

One of the many issues Mitchell addresses in the book is the language that is used when talking about cancer.

Words like "battle" or "fighting" are often associated with those who are diagnosed with the disease and it is those descriptors Mitchell would like to see eliminated from common use.

"I was just reading the obit pages ... and again there's all these valiant people who have died after another valiant battle with cancer and I'm not sure that language is very respectful," she says. "As if somehow if you fought harder you'd still be here and that's just not the case."

Patterson said the book has made him more conscious of the language used with cancer.

"It's so easy to fall into the battleground terminology in your own thinking and in the way you express things to people," he said. "It need not be dealt with in the way it's very often dealt with."

Getting cancer or dying from it is not a failure on someone's part, and it's that message Mitchell wants to resonate with people.

"I think there are a lot of really damaging misconceptions out there in society that are unquestioned ... and I would like to start talking about that," she says.

Looking back on the experience, Patterson was grateful for Mitchell's suggestion of turning the experience into a book and the manner in which she dealt with the subject.

"I just loved her metaphor about my relationship to it [cancer] has not been like a war but rather more like a dance. People have really picked up on that," he said.

"I like that and other people have responded extremely positive to that."

Malignant Metaphor is dedicated to those "dancing with cancer," a reflection of the writer's attempt to change the language around the disease and help those dealing with it.

"From people who have experienced cancer or who have seen a loved one die of cancer I've been getting a lot of really moving feedback that this book has provided a great amount of comfort and relief to people, so I think it releases some of the burden and blame that people feel when faced with cancer," said Mitchell.

Since the book was released, Patterson's cancer has returned, however the community member is staying positive and jokes that perhaps the turn of events will lead to a sequel.

"I told Alanna, don't put that pen away."

Malignant Metaphor is published by ECW Press and sells for $27.95. It is also available at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Selbie honoured for work on mine disaster

JENN WATT
Editor

Water, its components and the life it sustains have been the passion of Haliburton's Daniel Selbie for most of his adult life. Growing up surrounded by the lakes of the Highlands, Selbie developed a curiosity early on for how water bodies function and followed that inspiration through a bachelor of science, master's and doctorate.

Now head of the Lakes Research Program at Cultus Lake, B.C., for Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Selbie finds himself pulled in myriad directions – from his adjunct professorships at three universities to advising on one of the largest environmental mining disasters in B.C. history.

Last fall, his work on the latter was recognized by Fisheries and Oceans with a distinction award for excellence in public service in the science and policy category.

"Our group works on sockeye salmon mainly, but Pacific salmon in general," Selbie, 38, says.

Sockeye salmon are born in freshwater, travel to the sea to mature and return to spawn.

"So, what we work on is mainly the freshwater life history phase. Sockeye rears in lakes, so their young are growing to a certain age, usually two years old, in freshwater lakes along the coast and then they go out to sea."

A limnologist by training, Selbie studies "the physical, chemical and biological aspects of lakes' structure and function."

This all came in handy on Aug. 4, 2014, when the Mount Polley dam in central B.C. broke, releasing tailings from its copper and gold mining operations into Quesnel Lake. In the aftermath of the disaster, Selbie was asked to contribute to an interagency response.



Daniel Selbie, head of the Lakes Research Program at the Cultus Lake Salmon Research Laboratory in British Columbia, first cultivated his interest in water growing up in Haliburton. He was recently honoured for his work on the Mount Polley mine disaster. JENN WATT STaff

"Basically what I've been doing ... has been providing science advice both internally and externally on the impacts of that event and how best to react to it to protect Canadian resources, largely fish and fish habitat."

According to Selbie, when the dam burst, 25 million cubic metres of water that had been sitting on top of tailings rushed into the lake, gathering debris along the way and depositing it into Quesnel Lake.

A team of researchers including Selbie detailed the changes that occurred following the disaster in a paper published in *Geophysical Research Letters*.

"We were able to document some interesting physical relationships in the lake that moved the plume of contaminated sediment-laden water throughout the lake in the wrong direction up the flow gradient into the lake," he said.

On a map, Quesnel Lake looks like an aloe vera plant, with three long leaves stretching away from each other.

The dam broke at the west basin, but counterintuitively, the sediment made its way to the main basin.

"Everybody thought because the flow gradient is down out the Quesnel River out into the Fraser that it would go that way," he says.

"We recorded it out to the junction in October – that's 50 kilometres in the wrong direction." This has to do with the physical properties of the lake, which pushed sediment where it wasn't expected to go.

Following the disaster, salmon were found in the lake that were larger than the size historically found, though the reason has not yet been determined.

There is also concern regarding salmon spawning. Because copper impairs a fish's ability to smell, it is possible those fish present during the spill could have a hard time finding their way back.

The answer to that question is a couple of years away.

Selbie credits his career and deep interest in science to his family, the Haliburton community and in particular to teachers at the high school including Dave Mowat.

"He afforded me many opportunities," Selbie says, recalling a program called Sunship Earth held at Wanakita, which used students from the high school to teach younger kids about the functioning of bogs, forests, lakes, etc.

After completing his undergraduate degree at Queen's University, Selbie wrote to some of his former teachers, including Mowat, to thank them for their mentorship.

"Dave called me up and he was actually starting up a project here called the Drag River Rehabilitation Project," he says. Money had been allocated from the provincial government to enhance the walleye spawning habitat along the river by Emmerson Lumber in Haliburton.

The project brought youth together during the summer, about 10 or 12 of them, to "sling rock and build retaining walls" to line the river course. Selbie was project manager.

When he was a child, Selbie's family went on a trip to British Columbia. He remembers falling in love with the area right away. As an adult, it took him little time to orient his scientific research to the West Coast.

But it is the lakes of the Highlands that originally whetted his interest in water.

"Fish don't exist without habitat and I've grown up on this lake chain my whole life."



Back to basics

Chlidren listen to Haliburton Highlands Museum director Kate Butler, far right, as she shows the antique nutmeg grinder during the kids' baking workshop on Jan. 16 at the A.J. LaRue Arena's second floor in Haliburton. The two-hour morning workshop included 12 participants who were led by master baker Judy Carpenter in making chocolate chipper cookies. This is part of a series of workshops teaching traditional skills. Call the museum 705-457-2760 or see their website at www.haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com. /DARREN LUM Staff

VDO delivers $1.5 million in dental care

Volunteer Dental Outreach has hit a major milestone. Last week, the organization announced it has provided more than $1.5 million worth of dental care to those in need in Haliburton County since its inception in May 2011.

To put the dollar figure in context, that's 587 patients attending 4,281 appointments.

"This achievement is something for our whole community to celebrate because hundreds of volunteers and donors have helped in whatever ways they could to build, maintain, provide dental care and support the clinic," said Lisa Kerr, VDO board member, in a press release.

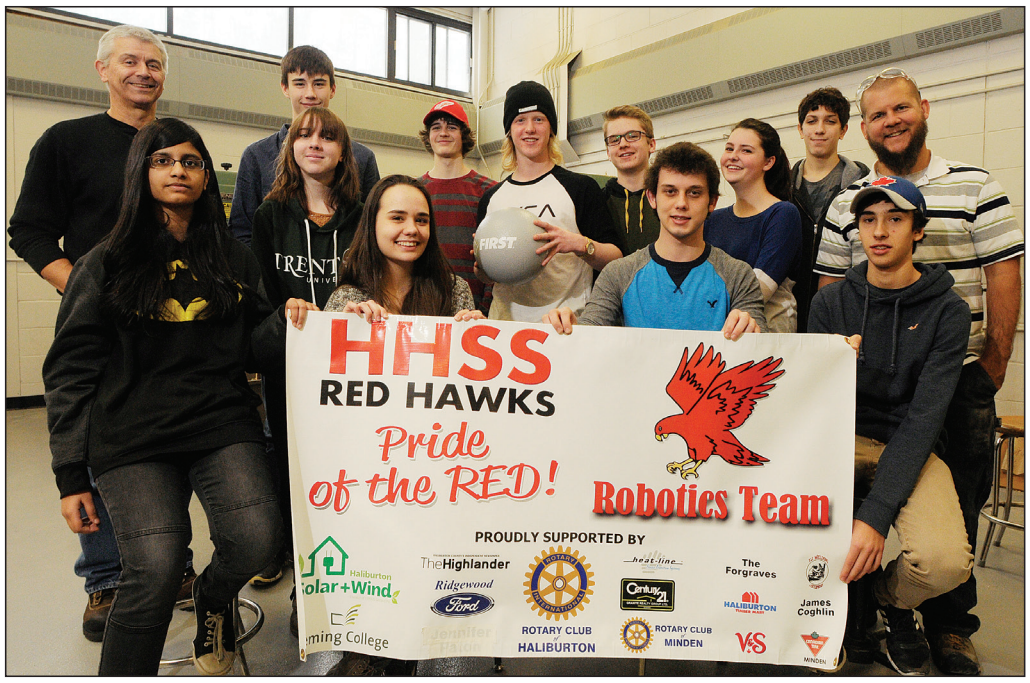
There are currently six volunteer dentists with a seventh committed to coming in the spring. Twenty-three dentists have volunteered at the clinic throughout its history.

As of mid January, 34 people were on the waiting list for VDO services. Four are considered high priority and eight need dentures.

To find out how you can be part of the team or to learn more, go to www.dental-outreach.com or call 705-457-3111.

Hawks preparing to storm the Stronghold

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter



HHSS Robotics team from left, Dan Gimon (consultant), Vaibhavi Marathe, Jonas Hill, Ariel Weiss, Cassandra Johannessen, Brandon Verstege, Caleb Schmidt, Eric Wootton, Cody Williams, Josie Quigley, Jordan Lapierre, Dan Fockler (faculty advisor) and Sam Longo. The Hawks, who hold a team banner with last year's sponsors, will compete in the FIRST Robotics Competition March 23 to 26 at Nipissing University in North Bay. Members absent: Dustyn McCready DeBruin, Austin Macdonald Morris, Betty Paton, Chris Kirkpatrick, and volunteers Jim and Joan Cochlin./DARREN LUM Staff

After three years the Red Hawks Robotics team is hoping for greater success with its most dynamic challenge to date facilitated by FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competitions.

This year, the 15 member team is creating a robot that will be capable of working in an alliance of three robots to score more points than another team of three robots by overcoming a line of fortifications and raiding a tower – think medieval era castle attack – by pushing and/or throwing balls at a tower to capture it in a challenge called FIRST Stronghold.

Teams are formed randomly until the playoffs and the fortifications are chosen for every match. One of the fortifications at the end is a low bar while the middle one is chosen by the audience with the remaining three chosen by the opposition.

The Hawks will compete in the FIRST Robotics Competition from March 23 to 26 at Nipissing University in North Bay. There are 31 registered teams, including one American team and two teams from China. Although all teams are encouraged to create a team standard or flag and dress up for the event, the team is focusing its attention on the robot.

Hawks team captain Cody Williams said they are excited about this year's raid scenario far more than the recycling scenario last year when the main objective was to move and stack containers.

Williams said they are also more prepared this year. The team has been meeting for the past couple of months. During that time the members did preliminary work towards programming, electrical study for wiring, designing, and building an operational catapult.

Besides his love for robotics, particularly mechanical systems, Williams appreciates being the team's leader.

"I enjoy leading a team like this. Everyone is really interested. A lot of these guys want to go into careers that are similar to robotics. You know, technology related. Being able to help with that is good," he said.

The Grade 12 student wasn't sure of his future before he joined the team, but is certain because of his experience with the team he will pursue a career in mechanical engineering.

"Before robotics I really didn't know what I wanted to do, but it has helped me to believe that's a career for me," he said.

Team consultant Dan Gimon, who has a wealth of experience in the technology industry, said he characterizes this year's team as "green, but are keen."

"I think that is a good thing," he said.

The comments written below a video describing this year's challenge is being described as a blend of the past challenges, which gives Haliburton an idea of the mechanisms they can add to its robot for FIRST Stronghold, Gimon said.

He is also working with faculty advisor Dan Fockler, who has also been with the team from the beginning.

Both of them welcome the challenge of having to make a robot that possesses a variety of skills from moving to throwing.

Gimon adds there are far more members who have stayed with the team from the beginning of this season relative to other years. Last year the team was left with eight at the end.

The team is comprised of six Grade 9s, four Grade 10s, one Grade 11 and four Grade 12 students.

He said this strong contingent of Grade 9s and 10s is a good foundation towards the long-term viability of the club.

Grade 9 student Vaibhavi Marathe is one of three first-year members with the club.

She joined this year because she enjoys computer coding and has experience from when she was part of the Techno Girls computer coding club in J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. Marathe is fascinated by robots and is excited about "how cool [it is] we can make things move."

Her first exposure to robotics up close was a robot made by last year's club.

Gimon said his involvement the past three years has always been because of the students' excitement.

"Watching them get excited about this kind of stuff and I love this stuff too. I've always been into games and building stuff and fixing stuff. I enjoy it as much as they do," he said.

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Changing the metaphor



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Editorial

"Cancer's resonance today lies in our perception that it is inevitable, preventable and deserved." – Malignant Metaphor: Confronting Cancer Myths by Alanna Mitchell

Cancer has taken over the North American psyche. It is one of the most feared diseases, consuming vast amounts of time and energy and generating plenty of hand-wringing among the sick and healthy alike.

When journalist Alanna Mitchell's brother-in-law John Patterson (founder of Abbey Gardens and well-known local philanthropist) received a diagnosis of malignant melanoma in 2010, he asked her to help him understand the path before him. Mitchell is a science reporter and is adept at navigating academic papers and biology jargon. She was ideal for the task.

What ended up coming of the partnership was the book, released in September of 2015, which lays out what a knot we, as a culture, have tied ourselves in when it comes to cancer.

As the opening quotation states, cancer has become such a bogeyman in our minds it has been allowed to become more than it is. We at once hold divergent beliefs that cancer will get us, but we can also avoid it, which leads to the third belief: it is deserved. Cancer has come to represent our vices and bad behaviour, Mitchell writes. When someone gets cancer, we ask: "Did she smoke or drink? Did he exercise enough?" We follow food trends, racing for anti-oxidant labels and kale-laden snacks in the grocery store. We try to de-stress in order to avoid the disease that is most stressing us out.

But as Mitchell points out, little evidence supports most of these trends. At best, they represent remedies for risk factors for a small percentage of people. And contrary to popular belief, cancer rates have not gone up in recent years. We're living longer and eventually we are dying of cancer. (Mitchell points out that in Canada, cancer is the biggest killer largely because we "do so well in treating heart disease leaving people alive long enough to get cancer.")

Despite knowing what concept our society puts on the disease, Mitchell admits to falling victim to the panic: when her beloved brother-in-law is diagnosed, when her daughter finds a lump and when she herself is going to the doctor for an exam. The fear is that ingrained.

We would all do well to read Mitchell's book, or at least take the messages from it. Cancer is absolutely a devastating disease, which touches everyone at some point. It should not, however, be treated as a monster lurking in the closet. We should not treat those with the disease as warriors who just need to eat better or smile more. People don't die because they have less faith or will power than others.

Our fear has allowed us to create a dark, frightening myth that does little to help those with the disease and diminishes quality of life for others.

As Mitchell argues, we need to change the metaphor. Instead of a battle, maybe it's a dance each person can choreograph herself.

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A Senior's Moment

Over the years, I have learned that making a successful living is not the same as having a successful life. Both require commitments and dedication on our behalf, but one is much easier to achieve than the other.

Making a living requires experience and knowledge in your field of employment. It requires your dedication and your time. It also requires that you earn a regular income in order to keep you and yours alive and well until and after retirement.

Making a successful life requires that you love yourself as well as others. It requires your dedication and your unwavering sharing of your time and your activities. What you do and how you do it is every bit as important (maybe even more so) in making a life as it is in making a living. Along the way, in order to be a success, you must like what you do, but more importantly how you do it. This applies to both making a success of life and making a living.

I have been very fortunate in my life. I loved my job but more importantly, I loved and do love the ones with whom I have shared my life.

I had the great pleasure of working in education in Haliburton County for almost 35 years, BUT I have had the greater pleasure of making my life in Haliburton County, among fabulous people, called Haliburtonians, for over 80 years.

Hopefully we seniors can make a living and make a happy life, and along the way, be a rainbow in some people's clouds.

I know we can do it.

Take a few minutes for literacy

Spending a few minutes each day to improve a child's literacy skills is a worthwhile investment of time that can pay off in lifelong benefits for the entire family.

That is the message the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is promoting in the lead up to Family Literacy Day on Jan. 27. The health unit encourages parents and caregivers to talk, listen, play or read with youngsters for at least 15 minutes each day to help improve literacy skills.

"Spending at least 15 minutes a day doing literacy activities with children has many benefits. You get to spend quality time together as a family, and you're also helping to improve your child's speech and language skills," says Shelley Shaughnessy, a family health nurse with the HKPR District Health Unit.

There are many fun ways that families can encourage literacy skills, without children even realizing it is learning, Shaughnessy adds. Reading a book at bedtime, visiting the library, playing a board game together, doing an alphabet scavenger hunt or telling knock-knock jokes while doing the dishes can all be options.

Another way for families to encourage literacy with children is to point out how reading and writing show up in everyday activities, such as reading traffic signs while driving or writing a grocery list at home.

For more family literacy tips and activities, parents and caregivers are encouraged to visit the Family Literacy Day website (www.familyliteracyday.ca).

Local families should also check with their local library or Ontario Early Years Centre to see if there are special events planned in their community as part of Family Literacy Day.

A partial list of community happenings is available at the KidTalk website (www.kidtalk.on.ca), as well as other information on speech and language milestones and resources to promote speech skills. The KidTalk website is a service of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge Preschool Speech and Language Program.

– Submitted

points of view

Cougar traps



steve galea

Loon Tales

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I've heard any serious discussion about the cougars that have supposedly made their homes here in cottage country. The truth of the matter is I have never been sold on the idea anyhow. My thinking is, if cougars had moved into the area permanently, they would have cottaged here for 10 or 20 years first, just like everyone else. Then they would mention this every time someone suggested that they were not truly local.

Having said this, I try to be open minded.

That's why I came up with yet another ingenious plan this morning. Like all great ideas, this one came after observing a natural phenomenon before finishing my first cup of coffee.

You see, there was a boot box by our front door and, before taking it out to the shed for the next dump run, I opened it to ensure it was empty.

(I have learned I lose less boots that way.)

It turned out it was empty – but only for a second.

Upon spying this open, unoccupied box, both of our cats rushed over to it and the one that got there first stepped inside and sat down.

As I write this, Maggie is still sitting in the box, observing the world, just happy to be there. She is thinking, I suppose, whatever deep thoughts cats think when they sit in boxes.

"I'm in the box and you're not," is my best guess.

Our other cat, Mumbles, is watching her with great envy. I strongly suspect when she leaves, he'll take her place.

Cats are like that. They live to do two things to boxes and one of them is not pretty.

There and then, it occurred to me that cougars are just big cats, which means they probably have little cat tendencies only on a larger scale. So, if we want to truly confirm that cougars live in the area, all we need to do is place several refrigerator boxes in the woods.

If there is a big cat within 50 kilometres of such a box when we set it out, the cougar will soon rush over to sit contentedly inside of it while another cougar watches enviously.

If we really wanted to make the perfect cougar trap we should also place a brand new couch nearby with a store-bought scratching post right beside it.

Then, if the cougar has any of the feline instincts most house cats have, it will ignore the scratching post and claw that couch to ribbons before moving into the box. You could also hang expensive curtains in nearby trees for the same reason.

I know this might seem like a ridiculous idea, but it is certainly much safer than my original idea of walking through the woods waving a laser pointer. And it is much less messy than leaving a knitting bag or two out in the wilderness.

Sure, we could also just decorate a spruce tree with Christmas ornaments and come back the next day to see if it was knocked over, but that's far too seasonal a thing.

Or I could walk into the woods and sit on a log while wearing my best suit. If there are big cats around, they'll insist on sitting in my lap and shedding hair all over me.

Last, if none of these things drew them out, I would just set up a work station and computer in the forest and commence to writing a column that has a rapidly approaching deadline. If cougars have a shred of feline-like tendencies they would bother me and then jump atop the table and lie down across my forearms or on the keyboard. The only problem with this is that it might bring in cougars from out of province.

In any case, those are a few of my ideas, which just goes to show sometimes thinking outside of the box is highly overrated.



pic *of the* past

The Grade 1 class at the Victoria Street School in Haliburton in 1941. Jacqueline Metcalf submitted this photo and has the names for almost everyone. Perhaps someone in the community can fill in the blanks. The teacher was Miss Tizzard. Front from left, Jacqueline Henderson, Ruth Curry, Joyce Pearson, Yvonne Dean, Joan McDonald, Jacqueline Robertson, Joyce Vickery, Jnan Bishop. Second row, Gerald Irish, Pat Bishop, Bonnie Mitchell, Flora Luna, Dorothy Renne, Lila Emily Hoxie, Doris Wilkinson. Third row, Glen Fairey, Bertram Douglas, Stuart Baker (?), Miss Tizzard, Don Feir, Beatrice Daniels (?). Behind the teacher Myrtle Harvie (last name unknown).

letters to the editor

Fear and solutions

To the Editor,

Many people I have been listening to lately are against having more refugees arrive in Canada or the U.S.

In the United States a lot of people are really afraid of allowing Syrian refugees into their country. They seem to have tarred every Muslim and thus every Syrian with the same brush, as terrorists. The mass killings in Paris have affected the citizens of the U.S. greatly, but fear mongering is dangerous and creates problems where none need exist.

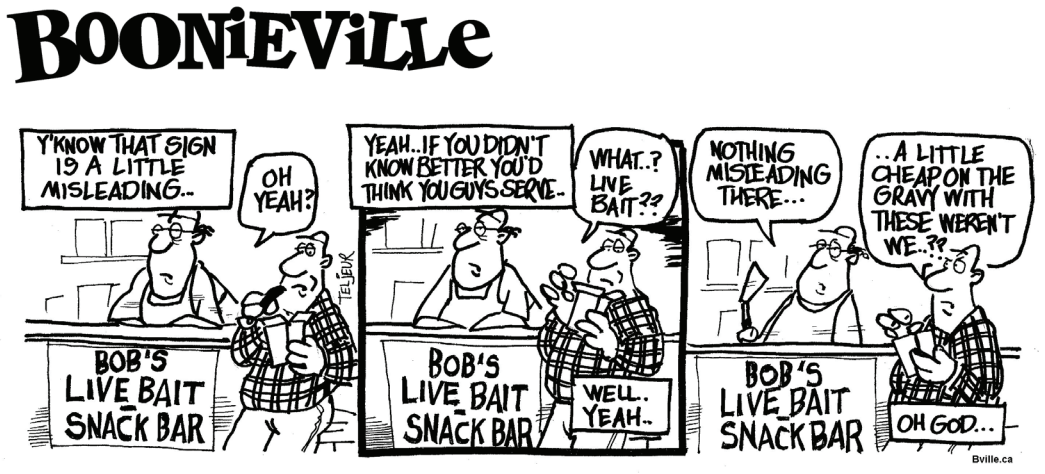
A second common argument against accepting refugees is that we should look after our own first, our homeless people, our veterans and thousands of First Nations people who don't have the same standard of living as the rest of us. I think we should be able to help all these people. There are very rich people in Canada and the United States who should pay taxes at the same rate as the middle class, but they get tax breaks the rest of us don't get. If they were taxed by percentage as we are, this country and certainly the U.S. would have resources to help the native people, the homeless and all the refugees who need help.

The Syrian refugees are running away from terrorists who are destroying their country. But most of these Syrians are Muslim. Supposedly we allow all religions in our country, but because Syrian and Muslim and terrorist are all overlapped in people's minds, we are afraid to allow Syrians into the country. We can't seem to separate religion, culture and the potential for violence. Thus it is an argument with many sides and possible solutions.

I heard an interview with a Syrian doctor who was on the first plane from Lebanon. He and his family were delighted to be welcomed by the Canadian prime minister. This man was so thankful, willing to do any job and he proudly introduced his wife and daughters. They had all spend weeks learning enough English to communicate with those who welcomed them. I wished, as I watched them, that all the people who are so afraid of having these refugees in our country could have witnessed that interview.

We are all refugees in the sense that we originally came from Europe, Asia or Africa. The only citizens of North America who are not refugees

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We're forgetting love

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are the First Nations and I agree that they should come first in our quest for equality.

The key, the missing part in all this discussion, is love. Not romantic love, but the kind which we need to care for our fellow man. We are all one and we need to learn to love others even if they don't look like us, worship like us or live the way we do. President Obama talked about love and made a plea in his State of the Union Address for people to be treated equally no matter their race, politics, religion, educational status or bank account but for some reason it seems impossible to convince people set in their ways to change enough to accept others or to love them. This is what has to change and I don't know if it's possible. We must look upon all the peoples of the world as citizens of this planet entitled to the same rights.

Is it just greed, the search for wealth, which stops generosity? Is it our religious beliefs, which insist that there is only one God and one way of worshipping him? Is it that we are ignorant of the culture and ways of people who don't come from our neighbourhood? It's probably all of these things. Is there a solution? There should be something positive that can be done!

If there is a solution maybe global warming can be the catalyst to make it happen. Every person on this planet must get together, cooperate and solve the environmental problems we have all created. If we don't there will be no safe future for our children. Hopefully this one issue can bring human beings together, force them to at least work together enough so there will be a future for human kind.

Margot Roberts
Haliburton

Wildlife in your backyard



Pine siskins came to visit Belinda Gallagher in Tory Hill earlier this winter.

January Sky

Sky blank as milk spilling onto snow.

I stand beneath its shroud, quiet so loud I
hear tendrils of my Breath slithering out of
me into the
morning Air that cradles the newborn
year,

the trees fringing the path standing so still,
I dare not move, not a single step, for fear of
disturbing the forest that still sleeps,

the earth snoring beneath a crust of snow,
that crackles when I wriggle my toes to
warm my
limbs that are beginning to freeze, the tree
burls of my knees clattering together, my
eyes
sprouting tears from the cold.

But still I stand, rooted to the path, wondering which way to walk to greet the fresh
year Good
Morning.

I gaze up at Sky for guidance, search for
the eye of the Sun, that's glinting somewhere
behind a
cluster of clouds that drift across Sky,
staining its alabaster skin grey.

Only a day ago wind lashed the Air and
trees, clouds black as coal smudged the face
of the
Moon, Sky sloughing off debris from the
old year, hurling clumps of snow through
the Air, that
whirled and swirled through the night
while I slept beneath my blankets dreaming
of new
beginnings,

that I wonder whether I will even recognize when I flutter my eyes awake, stretch
and yawn to
greet the milky smear of dawn, that lures
my feet Outside to stand beneath the gauze
of Sky, that
I unravel with my eyes, wondering what
throbs behind it, more Sky or the blotch of
Sun, swiping
sleep crumbs from its eye.

I smile up at the squiggle of a seagull, its
wings scribbling good Morning across the
flesh of
Sky.

I watch 'till its wings flap out of sight,
melting into a fringe of trees, its message still
tattooed up
in Sky, that I repeat as I resume walking,
greeting the ground and squirrel and tree
branches
Good Morning, as feathers of snow begin
to fall.

I reach out with my hands to catch them,
greeting each one that lands on my eyelashes
and nose
and mitts, Good Morning.

Sylvie Kalenda

County heading for 3.85 per cent tax hike

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Councillors on Haliburton County's finance and correspondence committee are recommending the municipality contribute an extra $280,000 to reserves in 2016, which would result in a 3.85 per cent tax rate increase at the upper tier level.

Committee members discussed the draft budget during a Jan. 13 meeting.

A report from the treasury department has indicated the county would be able to function with a 1.85 per cent increase for 2016, levying $14,345,000. However, councillors have expressed concern about the level of county reserves.

"I don't really feel our reserves are healthy right now," Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge said at Wednesday's meeting.

Reserves are sitting at approximately $3 million heading into 2016 and will be drawn upon again this year.

Some auditors suggest that for a municipality's reserves to be healthy, they should amount to approximately half of its yearly tax levy.

During a December meeting, councillors requested that scenarios be drawn up, showing what various reserve contributions would look like.

Each percentage increase is the equivalent of $140,000 in county coffers. So a total tax rate increase of 2.85 per cent would contribute $140,000 to reserves, 3.85 per cent $280,000 to reserves and 4.85 per cent $420,000 to reserves.

Councillors settled on the 3.85 per cent option as reasonable.

"The percentage always appears to be worse than the dollar value," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve and County Warden Carol Moffatt. "If your house is worth $300,000, it's less than $20 [in increased taxation]."

Pointing to neighbouring municipalities, Moffatt also said the county had a "more than reasonable" level of taxation.

"It's a crazy balancing act that is really tough," she said.

In 2015, for every $100,000 of assessment on residential properties, Haliburton County residents paid $177.85 of tax to the county, $263.70 for every $100,000 of assessment for commercial properties.

The option the committee is recommending would mean that for every $100,000 of assessment on residential properties, residents would pay $184.68. The amount for commercial properties would increase to $273.83 for every $100,000 of assessment.

A draft budget will be presented at the next meeting.

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Hawks return to winning ways over Tigers

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

Coming off the team's first Kawartha conference loss to rival Falcons of Fenelon Falls Secondary School, the senior boys' Red Hawks basketball team bounced back into the win column with a dominant 54-28 win over the visiting Lakefield Tigers in Kawartha A Interlock action on Tuesday, Jan. 19 in Haliburton.

Besides a closely contested first quarter when the score was 8-7 for the Tigers, the Hawks never looked back after taking a 14-10 lead at the halftime break and adding 18 points in the third, easily outpacing the visitors' nine points.

Hawks coach Dave Waito said his team had far more energy than the day before leading to the convincing win in front of a home crowd on Tuesday.

He loved how his team's scoring was spread among all eight players on his team.

Hawks forwards Nick Thompson and Hunter Smith, who also added nine rebounds and five assists, combined for 28 points while teammates Caleb Schmidt and McKay Coneybeare helped on the defence end with five steals each. Thompson finished with a double-double, scoring a team and game high 16 points and pulled down 10 rebounds.

He adds the team has begun to draw up offensive schemes for his other players besides the top two scorers of Thompson and Smith.

Waito said the team came out flat against the Falcons in the 35-31 loss on Monday, Jan. 18 and paid for it with a loss that snapped an eight-game winning streak.

"If we would have played like we played the second half today it would have been a win," he said.

Having the win streak broken wasn't entirely negative, as loss isn't always a bad thing for a team nearing the post-season, Waito said.

"Sometimes those things can be good going into playoffs," he said. "Sometimes there is a lot of pressure playing an undefeated season, but clearly today there are lessons that came out of it because they came out with much more energy in the second half today. That's what we needed."

For close to two weeks the team takes a break for exams.

Right after this break the team will return to the court when it travels to Petawawa for the Falcon Classic tournament from Feb. 5 to 6. They are assured three games. Then the team's next Kawartha conference game is against I.E. Weldon Secondary School, which is tied with the Hawks for first. A win guarantees top spot for Kawartha West and a loss will ensure second place.

Waito and the team believe the undefeated season is historic (first Kawartha West title in most recent memory), but it is just one step away from the long term goal.

"We don't want to feel like we felt yesterday at the end of the game. To make a perfect season would have been great, but that's not what we're playing for. That's a COSSA [Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics] championship. That's the end goal. We're still on path for that," he said.

Interlock game determines A Kawartha seeding for the post-season.

The three Kawartha A teams are HHSS, Lakefield and the Brock Bulldogs.

Waito said the win against the Tigers ensures the first seed for the Kawartha A playoffs, which means the team will play the second seeded representative from the Quinte region.

Haliburton hosts the COSSA championship tournament on Feb. 25.

Waito wants as much support as possible for that event. Game times have not been scheduled.

He said it's a great opportunity for the community, family and loved ones to be able to come and support the team in its quest for a championship.

"Haliburton basketball is being talked about in the area and that's a good thing. It's been a long haul, but we're excited that's happening so if community people want to come in [Feb.] 25 there's going to be basketball all day long. There will be junior and senior [six games] ... it'll be good. It'll be some better ball of the season," he said.

> ***"Haliburton basketball is being talked about in the area and that's a good thing."***
>
> — Dave Waito
> Coach



The Lakefield Tigers defender attempts to contain Red Hawks senior forward Nick Thompson during a Kawartha Interlock A game on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The Hawks jumped to a 14-10 lead at the half and poured it on in the second and cruised to a 54-28 win. Nick Thompson led all scorers with 16 points, followed closely by Hunter Smith, who scored 12 points.

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The Red Hawks senior point guard McKay Coneybeare, who finished with eight points, attempts a layup against Lakefield Tigers defender Chase Fairbarn during a Kawartha Interlock A game on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.



The Lakefield Tigers player Morgan Jack is beaten on a drive by Red Hawks senior Hunter Smith during a Kawartha Interlock A game on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Jr Hawks hang on for win against Norwood Knights

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Composure and maturity are being added to the characterization of the junior Red Hawks boys' basketball team after a win over the Norwood Knights in the Kawartha A Interlock game against the visiting Norwood Knights on Tuesday, Jan. 19 in Haliburton.

Coach Paul Longo was proud of his team for how it played down the stretch despite squandering a large 26-14 lead at the half.

"I'm proud of the guys. We haven't had a lot of wins this year so we'll take it," he said.

He was impressed by his team to hold off the Knights' comeback efforts in the fourth to edge out the visitors 32-29.

"This was a good step in the right direction to be able to hold on to a game. Even though our second half wasn't as great as our first half," he said. "They kept their composure. They kept their cool."

Although the Knights made the game close in the fourth, the large lead was built from momentum carried over from a day before when the Hawks were beaten by the Falcons 39-29 in what the coach calls their best performance of the season, even besting the win over the Knights.

Longo thought the team had its challenges in the third quarters, which are notoriously bad for Hawks' teams over the years.

"I don't know what it is with Haliburton basketball, but third quarters have historically been really not good. I don't know what else I need to do and try ... maybe we shouldn't have a break at the half," he said half joking.

The scoresheet revealed the Hawks scored only one point in the fourth, compared to six by the Knights.

Haliburton was outscored by eight points in the entire second half.

Playing with the lead is not something the team is accustomed to working with.

"It's all learning for junior basketball. We haven't been in many of these situations this year where it's been a tight game right down to the end. This was a great learning experience for our guys," he said, referring to holding the lead down the stretch.

The back-to-back situation is still something the players are adjusting to, but their coach believes the team handled it well because of their youthful energy.

"We played so well yesterday I wanted to keep building on that. I thought having a game right away was a good thing," he said.

This game wasn't without highlights.

Among them included some solid defensive stops, including one that helped to secure the win.

During the final minutes of the fourth quarter, the Hawks forward Brandon Verstege had a clutch block, said Longo.

"Read the play and made a big block and got the basketball back for us. That was the key to that [quarter]. That was a big play. That was a big play at the right time and we needed a stop," he said.

Verstege also chipped in with four points to finish the game.

Point guard teammate Sam Longo led all scorers with 17 points, equaling his offensive output a day before against the Falcons. Teammates Jordan Lapierre added six, Kade Bain had four and Alex Petrie scored one, which was the only point scored by the Hawks in the fourth.

Haliburton will host the Titans on Wednesday, Feb. 10 to end the season.

Interlock games determine seeding for the playoffs. Longo isn't certain what A seed his team will be until all the Interlock games are played.

"This win will help," he said.

Longo acknowledges the peculiarity of sport when best efforts go unrewarded.

"We actually played a better team game yesterday than we did today. That's just the way it is. Sometimes you get the wins and sometimes you don't," he said.



The Red Hawks junior player Alex Petrie rises for a jump shot against a Norwood Knights defender during Kawartha Interlock A game on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.



The Red Hawks junior forward Kade Bain, who finished with four points, rises above a Norwood Knights defender during Kawartha Interlock A game on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The Hawks hung on for the 32-29 win./DARREN LUM Staff





Ice field of dreams opens

A competitor crosses the start/finish line on a clear day on Jan. 23 for the first event of the Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs-Ontario Region Minden Subaru Ice Racing Championships season at the Minden fairgrounds. The Minden Kin Club continues to be the ice track makers for the oval in the weekly race series that includes race car drivers from across the province. Spectating is welcome and free. Races are every weekend during the winter (weather permitting).
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Losing streak stretches to six for Wolves

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Finding wins in the new year is proving elusive for the Haliburton Wolves.

Like any team sport, the competition doesn't care whether you're the new kid on the block or suffering from a rash of injuries or a season-long bout of acquiring suspensions.

Last Thursday, the Wolves were looking for its eighth win in its inaugural season and a chance to get closer to North division's Sturgeon Falls, who are seven points ahead in seventh place.

The Bracebridge Blues (15-16-3) had other ideas, as it jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first period against the visiting Wolves. They didn't let up, adding five more goals the rest of the way to cruise to an 8-1.

Wolves forward James Kilgore, who leads the team in scoring with 37 points (18 goals and 19 assists) in 30 games played, scored the team's only goal from captain Nick Hunter in the 8-1 loss.

The last time the team tasted victory was back on Jan. 3 at Bobcaygeon, beating the Storm 7-6.

The team not only lost on the scoreboard, but have lost defenceman Jacob Bishop and players Jayden Southwind and Braydin Hollows to suspension. They were given a game misconduct penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct and will serve them this week on Thursday.

The following players are on injured reserve and listed day-to-day: Ryan Hunter (shoulder), Connor Sikma (concussion) and Jonah Lillis (shoulder).

Haliburton (7-28-0) welcomes the (5-27-0) Coldwater Falcons this week on Thursday at the A.J. LaRue. Although the two teams have similar records, the Falcons had a three game win streak (just before its Parry Sound game on Jan. 25). That streak, coincidently, was started against the Wolves in Haliburton with a 9-6 win on Jan. 10. Puck drops at 7:30 p.m.

Red Hawks win streak ends at eight

GORD COCHRANE

Special to the Echo

On Monday, Jan. 18, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) senior basketball team saw its eight game win streak come to an end.

The Red Hawks travelled to Fenelon Falls and lost their first Kawartha conference game, 35-31. After an extended layoff for the winter holidays, the Red Hawks were not as sharp as before the break. They trailed 8-6 at the end of the first quarter, 14-10 at halftime and 23-18 after three quarters.

HHSS shot 22 per cent for the game and committed 18 turnovers.

The Hawks' highest scorer was Hunter Smith with 12 points while teammate Nick Thompson led the team in rebounding with eight.

Despite the loss, the Red Hawks are still tied with I.E. Weldon Secondary School at the top of the Kawartha West conference, each with 6-1 records. HHSS plays at Weldon on Feb. 11 for the conference championship.

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Bantams shut out Eagles

The Pepper Mill Highland Storm Bantam A team started the playoffs against the Ennismore Eagles Saturday afternoon in Ennismore. The Storm team had a bit of a slow start,allowing the Eagles the first goal, early in the first period. They came out strong in the second period but was deflated when a bouncing puck deflected in, making it 2-0. The momentum continued to build as the Storm stepped up to the Eagles, but luck wasn't on their side just yet. During a Storm power play, the Eagles chipped the puck and scored on a breakaway. That ended the second period with the Storm down 3-0. The Storm turned things around in the third period. It began with a rush by Owen Gilbert, a pass to Zach Morissette and he found the low opening. The Storm dominated while on a power play and got a wrap around goal, scored by Owen Gilbert. The Storm tied the game 3-3 while on another power play. Facing off in the Eagles end, a pass from Lucas Haedicke to Ben MacNaull and he flicked it by the goalie. The game went into a scoreless 10-minute overtime and both teams left with a point.

The Highland Storm Bantam A team played game 2 in Haliburton on Sunday afternoon against the Ennismore Eagles. It was an intense, action packed game that the Storm won 1-0, taking the lead in the first round of playoffs. The Storm set things up nicely during a power play with perfect passes and positioning, halfway through the first period and got the only goal of the game. Owen Gilbert scored, assisted by Lucas Haedicke and Ben MacNaull. Both teams offered lots of end-to-end action but the periods remained scoreless and Carson Sisson earned a shutout. Great job to all the Bantam players!

Shamrocks' luck runs out

The JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports Highland Storm Peewee A team hosted the Parry Sound Shamrocks Saturday afternoon in game one of their playoff series, and defeated them by a score of 4-1.

The Storm had the only two goals in the opening frame, both scored by offensive menace Joe Boice, the versatile Cole Prentice, had "helpers" on each goal, while Colin Glecoff and Aaron Bellefleur each had a point. A team evidentially not ready to roll over, the Shamrocks keep the pace up and made the Storm earn everything they got. Dylan Keefer had the lone goal of the period, with Ty Mills earning a point on play, and Bellefleur his second of the game.

The Shamrocks had some luck, when they got on the board early in the third period with a fluke goal. The puck hit a player than another, and arched up and over the goalie, to cut the lead 3-1. Later, Boice completed the hat trick, and put the shamrocks to bed in the process, making it 4-1, Glecoff earning his second point of the game.

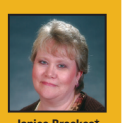
The following day and second game of the series had the storm in the Shamrocks' barn facing the premise of going up two games to nothing, or going home with the series tied at one.

Balanced scoring is a key component of any teams success and first year forward Nick Phippen displayed that by asserting himself on the forecheck, and getting the storm on the board with Brenden Newhook and Aiden Neave getting the helpers. The effort persisted and thus the Storm kept the puck deep in the Shamrocks' zone. Newhook was the recipient this time as Phippen returned the favour with the assist. The period ended with the visitors up two to nothing. Parry Sound started to take over the game applying efficient force and pressure, causing the Storm to turn over the puck. The period concluded with the Shamrocks registering the only goal, and kept it a contest cutting the lead in half. The Storm were lucky to get out of the period only giving up the one goal and not the lead. The third period started with the Shamrocks still exerting their will as they had

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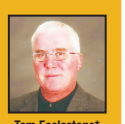

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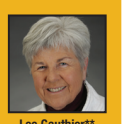

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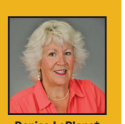

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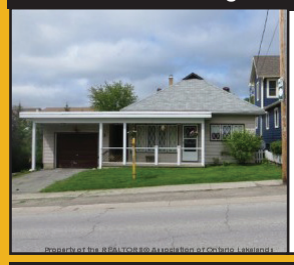
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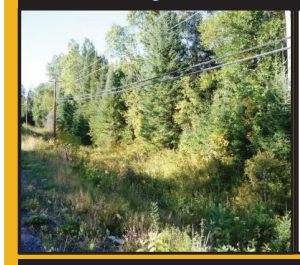
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Large Haliburton Building Lot $29,000



- 5.08 acres with great access off Hwy 118
- Driveway is installed, great privacy
- Hydro, phone & high speed at the lot line
- 3 km from Haliburton Village

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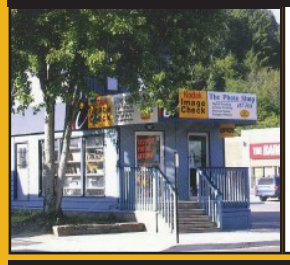
Kennisis Lake Road, West Guilford-Commercial $124,900



- 244.86 ft frontage and 184 ft deep approx
- Kennisis Lk RD–West Guilford.Hwy Commercial
- Well, Hydro, Had septic approval(expired)
- Level easy to build on

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- 13 Ft Rd Frontage, .01 Acres
- 1,325 Sq Ft, 2 levels and basement
- Municipal sewer and drilled well
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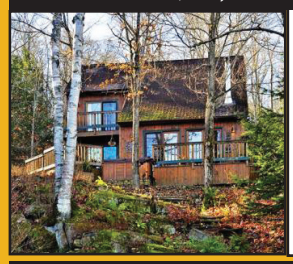
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- Eloquent Algonquin 4 season Home
- Dock on Kushog Lake with excellent swimming
- 1400 sq.ft. living space, 3 bdrms, 2 bathrooms
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- Great highway exposure, good investment potential in a great location in Haliburton County
- Several Revenue streams, including General store, 2 apartments, post office & much more
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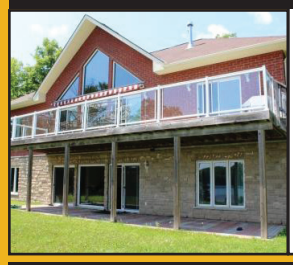
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- 29+ acres near Koshlong Lake
- Abuts road allowance to lake
- Part commercial zoning
- Year round access

Susanne James & Andy Mosher
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Halls Lake "Room with a view" $698,900



- Spacious Royal home built 2006
- Cathedral ceilings hardwood floors
- Full finished basement w/endless wave pool
- Main flr laundry & master w/ensuite & walk–in

Denise LeBlanc 286–2138 x 23

Brick Bungalow $334,900



- 3 + 2 bedrooms
- Living room with fireplace
- Family room with w/o to full length deck
- Full finished basement & Double attached garage
- Water access nearby

David Lee 286–2138 x 27

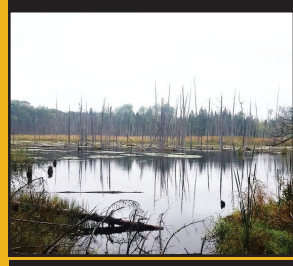
Eagle Lake Home $229,900



- Recently built Guildcrest Home
- Close to Sir Sam`s Ski & Bike
- Over 2 acres, private lot
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, jaccuzzi tub

Erin Nicholls 457–2128 x 34

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- Private accessible lot on year round road
- Just 12 minutes to Haliburton
- Features two ponds & is teaming with wildlife
- Perfect location to build your dream home or retreat!

Brandon Nimigon 457–2128 x 27

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- 1.89 acres with 140 feet sand shoreline on Grace Lake plus 2 lake chain boating
- Private location with clean water swimming, Lake Trout fishing & Sun all day
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Karen Nimigon 457–2128 x 29

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- Viceroy style cottage w/250' ftg & west exp
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- Master ensuite, walk–in closet & w/o to deck
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Minden Home $224,900



- Fantastic in town location
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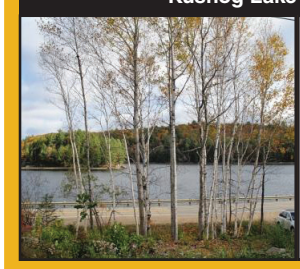
Little Bob Lake $139,000



- Looking for a lot to build on….
- Close to Minden and 2 Hours from GTA
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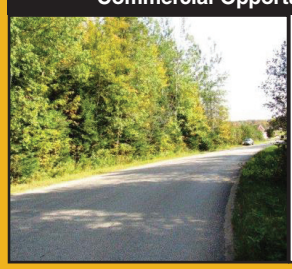
Kushog Lake View $75,000



- Year round access between Minden and Dorset
- Easy access to snowmobile trails
- Gorgeous view across Kushog Lake
- Driveway in and partially cleared, ready to build!

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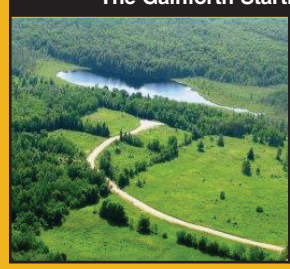
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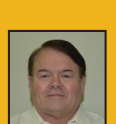
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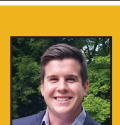
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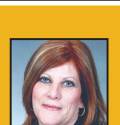
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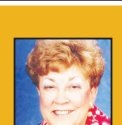

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Community Events

See more events in our Winter Guide, available on newsstands across the Haliburton Highlands.

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Dated Events

HALIBURTON: Healthy Beginnings – Prenatal Class

When: Begins Thursday, January 28, 6 to 8 pm
Where: Ontario Early Years Centre (83 Maple Ave., Halco Plaza, lower level) in Haliburton Village.
Join this free class offered by the Health Unit to help expectant parents prepare for baby's arrival. Continues on February 4, 11, 18 and 25. Pre-register by calling (705) 457-1391 or toll-free at 1-866-888-4577.

Men's Day

When: Friday Jan 29th
Where: Sir Sam's Ski / Ride
A great day of skiing, racing, indoor games, (Cost $150.00 per person includes: Lift ticket , rentals, breakfast, Lunch and Dinner). Prizes awarded at 7:00pm. Please book in advance.
Contact: chris@sirsams.com 705-754-2298

Calligraphy Workshop

When: Saturday, January 30th, 10am-12pm
Where: Haliburton Highlands Museum
This workshop led by Debbie Mansfield will give you the skills to create written documents that are work of art! Suitable for ages 12 and up (adults included!). This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. Contact: 705-457-2760 or info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com

Haliburton County Folk Society Concert with David Francey

When: Sat. Jan. 30 at 7:30 pm
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
Come and enjoy the music of one of Canada's best known folk songwriters, performers and great story tellers. Contact: haliburtonfolk.com for full details

MINDEN: 'Meet the Nurse'

When: Monday, February 1, 10 am to noon
Where: Ontario Early Years Centre (144 Bobcaygeon Rd.) in Minden.
Parents with children up to age six years can meet with a Public Health Nurse, who can provide breastfeeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development and other parental concerns.
Call (705) 457-1391 or 1-866-888-4577 for more information.

Minden Legion Initiation Day

When: February 6 1:00 pm
Where: Minden Legion
The public and all members encouraged to attend. Light lunch to follow.

Highlands Trio

When: February 6 4-7 pm
Where: Minden Legion
No cover charge, donation for band. Food available

MINDEN: S.T.O.P. (Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients) Program

When: Saturday, February 6, 10 am.
STOP Program supports smokers trying to quit by providing them with five weeks of nicotine patches at no cost. Smokers will also get educational material and other resources to help them in the quitting process. To see if you are eligible, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2000.

HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, February 10, 10:30 am to Noon
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.



Skyline bonspiel winners

Event organizer Wayne Hussey presented the 57th annual Skyline Bonspiel A event Haliburton Timbermart trophy to the winners Brent Colliver, left, with his son Chris, his nephew Jesse and his dad Steve (Brent's brother) on Sunday, Jan. 17 at the Haliburton Curling Club. This father and son team defended its title. The older Collivers, who are originally from Haliburton, won the Tankard for division 4 junior in 1977. The three-day event from Jan. 15 to 17 included 64 players and two draws./ DARREN LUM Staff



Sponsor representative Bob Johnston, left, presented the 57th annual Skyline Bonspiel B event Curry Chev Olds GMC trophy to the winners Rick Lauzon's London rink of Doug Glass, Dave Blackwell and Ray Radford on Sunday, Jan. 17 at the Haliburton Curling Club. The B event winners beat Dave Connell's rink of Haliburton 10-6./DARREN LUM Staff



Sponsor representative Art Dawson, left, presented the 57th annual Skyline Bonspiel D event Dawson Insurance trophy to the winners Bob Johnston's rink of Haliburton: Johnston, Andy Gruppe, Tom Merriman and Bob MacNaull on Sunday, Jan. 17 at the Haliburton Curling Club. The D event winners beat Bob McNeil's rink of Bala 6-3./DARREN LUM Staff



Skyline winners

Sponsor representative Jerry Walker, left, presented the 57th annual Skyline Bonspiel C event Walkers Home Hardware trophy to the winners Brad Greentree, Rod Evans, Mike Sarmatiuk and Will Bridal on Sunday, Jan. 17 at the Haliburton Curling Club. Evans's rink of Oshawa beat Matt Glandfield's rink of Toronto 8-6. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Racers take to the hill

Competitors negotiate a gate during a Snowboard Ontario Speed Series SBX/SX race on the Jan. 16/17 weekend at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride hill in Eagle Lake. The field included 50 participants and started on Friday and finished on Sunday. Submitted by Chris Bishop.



Competitors jockey for position at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride hill, as part of the Snowboard Ontario Speed Series SBX/SX. Submitted by Chris Bishop.

Attention Parents & Grandparents

If your baby was born in

2015

it's time to show them off!
Here's how to be included
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Deadline Fast Approaching!

The Haliburton County Echo and Minden Times will publish a special page in **full colour** to show off the babies of 2015.
Please fill out this form below and include photo and payment or stop by our office
Cost: $25 or both papers for $45 (plus HST)
Deadline for photos is January 27, 2016
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Hawks dominate Hurricanes 10-3

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Finding the back of the net was easy for the Red Hawks boys' hockey team once it overcame a 2-1 deficit at the end of the first period against the visiting Holy Cross Hurricanes during Kawartha High School Hockey League action on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

On paper it should have been easy, as the visiting Hurricanes were seventh (1-5-1) entering play compared to the fourth place Hawks (4-2-1).

Coach Ron Yake said the reason for the deficit was simple.

Penalties really hurt their ability to get into a rhythm and gave the visitors opportunities.

"They were on the powerplay and we weren't and we really didn't have much chemistry going in the first period. We had good pressure at times, but we didn't get many shots," he said.

Haliburton was given three minor penalties compared with the Hurricanes, who not only didn't have a penalty, but also converted with one powerplay goal

Coming into the game, the Hawks were looking to focus on staying out the box for needless penalties, Yake said.

"One of our game plans was to try and stay disciplined. Try to keep our mouths quiet and keep our head in the game and we did. Even down 2-1 in the first the guys weren't starting to chirp or get involved with that part of what sometimes hockey is, which is not good hockey, and we kept going. So the second period the goals started going in the net," he said.

The Hawks centre Jaydon Wood scored the 2-2 equalizer early in the second period off a nice give and go with centre Noah Dollo. Haliburton added five more goals, which led to the route of the Hurricanes.

Wood would later finish with a hat-trick and an assist to pace his team to the 10-3 win.

Goals in the period also came from forward Owen Patterson-Smith, who finished with a strong offensive outpouring with four points (two goals and two assists), defenceman Andrew Hall, who scored the eventual game-winner, centre Mat Wilbee, defenceman Owen Flood, who scored an end-to-end highlight goal that had his teammates on the bench, cheering and banging their sticks.

Yake hopes it's the start of something.

"That was good for us. We have had a few games when we have had a hard time scoring goals so for the puck to start going into the net maybe that is a sign of things to come for us," he said.

The team is a plus 15 (42 goals for and 27 allowed).

Yake said putting him with Dollo seemed to work and he'll probably continue with that pairing.

Hawks rookie goalie Cole Findlay kept things close when the team needed him most, making a toe save on a breakaway in the second period when the score was 2-2 less than three minutes after Wood's tying goal.

"Cole's played very well for us this year. It's his first year playing Red Hawk hockey and I know he is very excited about that and he has improved a lot. That was a big save," he said.

When the third period started the game was all but over with a 7-2 lead for the red and white. Haliburton's Patterson-Smith scored his second of the game and Wood started the third and finished it with a goal.

For the first time since the first Kawartha league game, the Hawks had their entire lineup, including second-year centre Wilbee, one of the team's best snipers, who was out with a leg injury.

He made an immediate impact scoring minutes into the first to tie the game at 1-1. There wasn't much evidence of rust, as he finished with a pair of goals and an assist.

Wood played wing in this game after several games when he played centre while Wilbee was out.

Other players that were out were Mac Rider, who missed a game, Chris Thompson, who has been struggling with a sore knee and Patterson-Smith, who missed a few games with an internal injury.

"Yeah, we have been struggling being injury prone you might say," he said. "That's our first game since the beginning of the season with everyone playing."

Besides the team's scorers, Yake credits his entire team for this season's successes.

"The other guys on the team are hard workers. They all bring a little different aspect to the game, whether it's size, skill or speed so it's not just a three line team right now. We kind of juggled things today. We are going to keep with that against Crestwood the next time we play and the playoffs probably. We'll see how we do against Crestwood, but hopefully generate a few goals," he said.

A win could allow the Hawks to finish as high as second place in Kawartha.

With the top six of the league making the playoffs, Yake wasn't concerned about making the playoffs as much as he is about seeding, which will come down to the last game against the second place Crestwood Mustangs (6-2-0) at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Tuesday, Feb. 9. Puck drops at 3:50.

"Crestwood has a good team so it should be a good match," he said.



The Red Hawks forward Owen Patterson-Smith fends off back checking Holy Hurricanes player Cole Campbell during Kawartha High School Hockey League action on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at the A.J. LaRue Arena. /DARREN LUM Staff



The Red Hawks defenceman Max MacNaull stays with a Holy Hurricanes player after a dump-in on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at the A.J. LaRue Arena. Despite a 2-1 deficit, the Hawks went on to win 10-3. They were led by Jaydon Wood, who finished with a hat-trick in the win./ DARREN LUM Staff



The Red Hawks player Mac Rider, left, celebrates a goal scored by centre Mat Wilbee, who made his return after a leg injury left him out of the lineup since the second Kawartha High School League game, with teammate Owen Patterson Smith in league play on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at the A.J. LaRue Arena. / DARREN LUM Staff

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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- **DATE:** Wednesday, February 10th, 2016
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2016-001 – Stevens
   - Purpose and Effect: to permit the relocation of a private cabin and legalize the location of a shed on a lot located in the WR4 zone:
     a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 3.30(c) to permit a private cabin to have a minimum street setback from Champion Trail of 2 metres (6 feet) as opposed to required minimum of 7.5 metres (24.61 feet).
     b) A decrease to the provisions of Section 3.30(c) to permit a shed to have a minimum street setback from Champion Trail of 5 metres (16 feet) as opposed to required minimum of 7.5 metres (24.61 feet).
   - Location: Part Lot 15, Concession 6, Lot 45, Plan 362 in the geographic Township of Harburn (Haliburton Lake – Champion Trail).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Jeff Iles
Secretary-Treasurer,
Committee of Adjustment

County League Storm stand united





The County House League Intermediates Storm team battled with the Bancroft Jets after the game on Friday, Jan. 22 at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena in Wilberforce. Photos submitted by Laura Chowzun.

On Friday, Jan. 22 found our County House League Intermediates Storm team in a flurry of action as they faced the Bancroft Jets for the second time.

Our team treated the crowd at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena in Wilberforce to a truly entertaining game full of solid goaltending, impressive breakaway offence and tenacious defensive play action which kept the game close.

Many thanks goes to head coach Dallas Latanville for arranging the two-game match up with the Jets. It brought a great "true game" play experience to the team. Congratulations go out to all the players, job well done!

Submitted by Laura Chowzun

Jets guaranteed top spot of LLFHL Midget B East loop

from page 12

the Storm on their heels. Two and one half minutes in the final frame, they tied it up 2-2.Then three minutes later Joe Boice decided to take back the lead, which was expunged by the same Shamrock player, who had scored two straight. Now with the game tied at three, and eight minutes remaining, the Storm's captain Alex Little took over the game and scored three straight un-assisted, coast-to-coast, unanswered goals to seal the deal, and had the Shamrocks left wondering what could have been. Game three is this Sunday. Please come out and support your local minor hockey association and Peewee A team as they battle through some exhilarating playoff hockey.

Tykes take a win in Parry Sound

On Saturday, Jan. 23 the Tom Prentice and Sons/RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team were back on the ice squaring off against Parry Sound. The Storm team scored early and were relentless in their offensive pressure. Excellent skating, strategic passing and solid defensive play were all instrumental to the Storm win. Every Storm player got a goal or assist in the game and our fearless goaltender stood strong to earn another shut out for the season. Way to go, Storm, on another big win.The team is back in action next weekend when they travel to Parry Sound.

By Janice Scheffee

Novice Storm strike down Bears

It was an excellent weekend of hockey for the Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm. The first playoff game was played in Gravenhurst versus the Bracebridge Bears. It was an amazing win for the Highland Storm. Addison Carr scored the first goal in the first period and Graeme Armstrong scored a beauty goal in the second. The Bears did score in the third, however, the Storm held on for a 2-1 win. The second game the Storm hosted the Bears at the A.J LaRue arena. This was an awesome game by the Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm. Kadin Card got the game started with a great rebound goal at the front of the net. In the second period Isaac Lee scored the Storm's second goal making it 2-0 going into the third. It was only 30 seconds into the third period and Kadin Card fired a wicked goal making 3-0 for the final score. This was Aaron Neave second shutout. Way to go Storm. Next weekends schedule is Jan. 30, 4:30 p.m. in Gravenhurst vs the Bracebridge Bears; Jan. 31, 2 p.m. in Haliburton at the A.J. LaRue arena vs. Bracebridge Bears.

By Amber Card

Midget A look for vengeance in Minden this Friday

The Dollo's Foodland and Smolen's Dentistry Highland Storm Midget A team visited the Parry Sound Shamrocks on Friday night for the opening salvo in the best of five playoff series. It started out as a tentative affair as both teams were finding their playoff legs with Haliburton's Jaydon Wood finding the back of the net first, with the Storm on a power play, midway through the first on a flawless feed from Owen Patterson-Smith, who had an outstanding game. The first ended with the locals still ahead 1-0 with both teams having a few chances but neither able to sustain pressure in the offensive zone. The second found Parry Sound taking the play more to the Storm and were able to put one past goaltender Parker Smolen a minute into the period and again with five minutes left to take a 2-1 lead into the final segment. With the "luck of the Irish" behind them the Shamrocks came out flying and scored a quick one to take a 3-1 lead. The defensive stylings of the Storm proved their nemesis as they could not maintain any presence in the offensive zone and Parry Sound tallied their final marker, on the power play, with four minutes left. This seemed to energize the Storm but alas too little too late as Matt Manning scored in the final minute to end the game as a 4-2 loss.

Parry Sound visits Minden on Friday night, Jan. 29, at 9:30 and we repay the favour Saturday, Jan. 30 in the birthplace of Bobby Orr.

Submitted by Katie and Dave Howe

Curfew ends Midget B Girls' season with tie

The Bancroft I.D.A/Canadian Tire Midget B Girls Jets received some great news prior to their road game in Keene on Thursday, Jan. 21. The Lindsay Lynx played spoiler and defeated the Keene Wolverines 2-1 the previous night in Lindsay. The loss by Keene guaranteed first place in the LLFHL Midget B East loop for Bancroft and home ice advantage in the league play-offs. The Jets used the good news to jump out to 1-0 lead midway through the first period when Kenndal Marsden set up Kelsey Maracle on a beauty two-on-one rush with Maracle finishing off the play with a top shelf blocker wrister. The Wolverines tied the game late in the first period with a neutral zone defensive breakdown allowing Keene a breakaway from the red line – capitalizing on the rush and the 1-1 tie. Both teams continued to work hard and exchanged scoring chances to try and break the deadlock. After a scoreless second period, Keene gained a 2-1 advantage midway through the third period with a bouncing puck that found its way into the Jets net. The game wining goal for the Wolverines came with a deflected puck from behind the Bancroft net that bounced up and over Katie Hoover's shoulder and across the line. The Jets tried but could not find an equalizer goal in the "no-change-in-the-standings" game.

On Saturday night in Peterborough, the Jets looked to finish their regular season on a positive note looking at a first round bye in the first round of their league play-offs. A slow start allowed the Ice Kats to jump out to a 1 - 0 lead midway through the first period when the Jets failed to clear a loose puck in a goal-mouth scramble battle. Bancroft tied the game at 1-1 late in the first period on a power play. Kelsey Maracle found Sydney Feir cruising through the slot and fed a sweet pass that Feir slid past the Ice Kat tender with a low blocker wrister. On the first shift of the third period, after a scoreless second period, Kenndal Marsden put the Jets up 2-1 with a shorthanded beauty. Marsden capitalized on Marissa Phillips' great forecheck putting a quick snap shot past the Ice Kat tender. The pesky Ice Kats continued their attack and after a confusion-packed, "possibly curfewed" chaotically interrupted finish to the game, Peterborough tied the game on with a 2-2 power play wrister that found its way into the net through a maze a players and traffic in the slot. The game was cut short as the curfew was imposed with just under two minutes left to finish the tightly contested battle.

"Congratulations" Bancroft I.D.A/Canadian Tire Midget B Girls Jets on your first place finish in the LLFHL Midget B East loop. Step up your focus and get ready to ramp up your game intensity girls as you await your second round opponents in your league play-offs. Your second half of the season will need your engines firing on all cylinders as you get ready to take flight Jets. Use your exhibition game vs Ancaster Avalanche on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 30 in Minden at 2 p.m. to start your push into the post season.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Notices

COUNTY OF HALIBURTON
COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Haliburton County Tourism Committee is seeking an interested individual to fill a vacancy as a Committee member for the remainder of the four-year term of Council ending November 30, 2018. We are seeking a public appointee who has an interest in the County Tourism industry.

The Haliburton County Joint Accessibility Committee is also seeking an interested individual to fill a vacancy as a Committee member for the remainder of the four-year term of Council ending November 30, 2018. We are seeking a public appointee able to represent the interests of the disabled community. The successful applicant must be living with a disability to qualify for this position under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.*

Any person having an interest in being appointed to either the Tourism Committee or the Joint Accessibility Committee is invited to submit an expression of interest no later than **Friday, February 5, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.**, detailing relevant experience and skills to the attention of:

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$3,750 in fines for hunting offences

An Orono man has been fined a total of $3,750 for hunting offences.

Zachary Flood pleaded guilty and was fined $750 for failing to immediately tag a deer, $2,000 for abandoning the deer and $1,000 for providing false information to a conservation officer.

Court heard that on Nov. 8, 2015, Flood was hunting alone in the Haliburton area when he shot and killed a white-tailed deer. He did not attach his game seal to the animal and proceeded to drag it close to the nearest road. He eventually left the animal on a trail overnight without field-dressing it. The next morning when he went to retrieve it, animals had already partially consumed portions of the deer. Flood left the area and abandoned the deer.

Conservation officers investigating the earlier incident contacted Flood hunting in the same area on Nov. 15, 2015. He produced his deer seal and provided false information around the circumstances in which he had harvested the deer the previous week.

Justice of the Peace Carl Young heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Minden, on Jan. 7.

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The heavens offer spectacle

Winter is supposedly a slow news time. Perhaps, but not an uninteresting time. Take the current glorious full moon on snowy landscapes. Add the unusual appearance in the south sky of five planets: Mars, Venus, Mercury, Saturn and Jupiter aligned all visible to the naked eye during the same evening. Haven't sighted all of them yet though most of them shine brightly. Maybe I'll be lured outside during a sleepless clear night or rise before sunrise in the next two weeks. The sky is such a wonder. Here one can easily look up and be amazed.

Nothing like a hearty hot soup and friends to warm one on a cold sunny January day. That's what a number of people experienced last Tuesday at St. Margaret's Church lunch. Thanks to all who donated and served the food.

The Loop Troupe has now cast a play, a mystery-comedy *Who Murdered Who*? It hopefully will be on stage at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre stage in mid April. The challenge when there is a scarcity of men to play roles has been overcome. It is exciting to have a number of people willing to join as cast and crew for the first time as well as others that have pleased audiences here in earlier productions.

It was 100 years ago that Canadian women won the right to vote when Manitoba enacted a law that corrected that situation. Yeah, Nellie McClung et al!

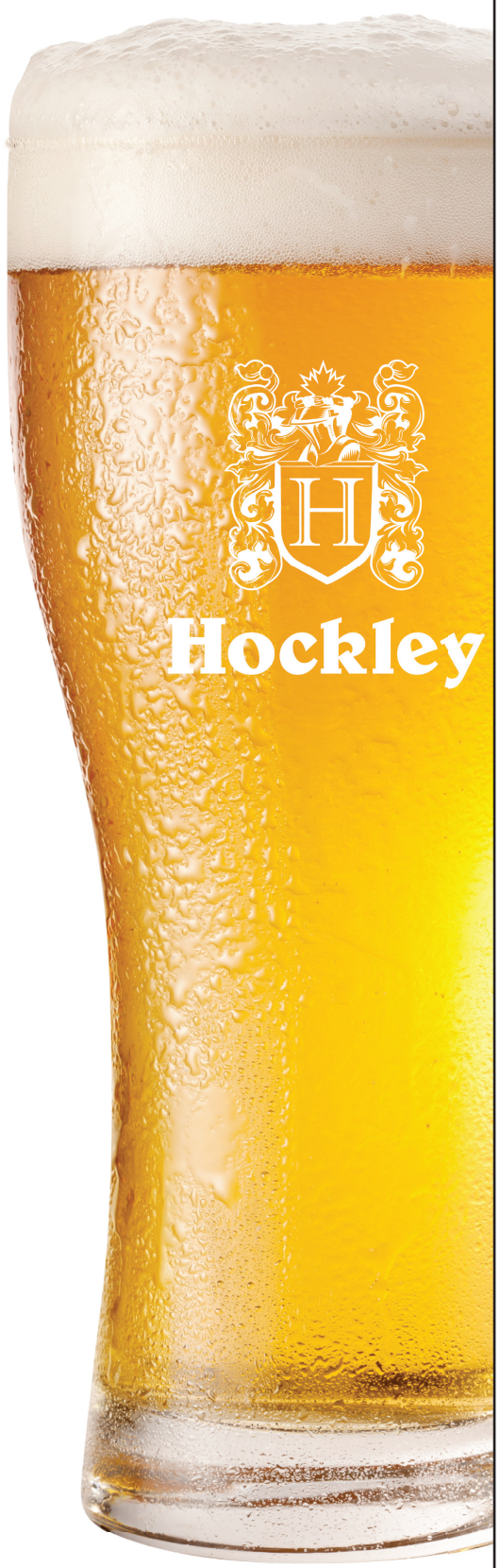
The current edition of the magazine *Canada's History*, formerly *The Beaver*, celebrates that important right by featuring 20 of our great women. A welcome read with fine pictures of Nellie McClung, Pauline Johnston, Emily Carr, Margaret Laurence, Mary Two-Axe Early, Therese Casgrain, Gabrielle Roi, Doris Anderson, Anne Hebert, Kateri Tekakwitha, Lucy Maud Montgomery, Agnes Macphail, Kenojuak Ashevac and seven others.

One of those is Charlotte Gray, author of *The Massey Murder* which the local book club is reading currently and will discuss this Wednesday evening. Other books by Gray include *Sisters in the Wilderness*, lives of Susanna Moodie and Catherine Parr Trail and *Mrs. King: The Life and Times of Isabel Mackenzie King*.

Your public library may have a copy of *Canada's History* magazine. If not, urge them to subscribe.

– Hilda Clark

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West Guilford rink ready for skaters

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The rink is now available for skating at the Centre thanks to the volunteers who always show up to help when needs are presented.

Jim Milne MC'd the Robbie Burns night at the Haliburton Legion on Jan. 23 which was well attended. The event included Highland dancing, Scottish country dancing, songs by Wayne Cooper and a few choristers with Bill Gliddon accompanying, and of course the Highlands Pipe Band. The meal was provided from Baked and Battered. Alan Cooper recited the address to the haggis. Breanne Mansfied has done a marvellous job of training the very young and the more experienced students as well.

Euchre Scores:
High: Bev Kerr and Larry McDowell
Low: Tina Hadley and Henk vanNood
Most Lone Hands: Lorraine Draper and John Kerr

DVD of the Month

Labyrinth

Fifteen-year-old Sarah would rather rehearse plays in the park and immerse herself in fantasy books than babysit her stepbrother Toby. But when she's chastised by her stepmother for being late home to do just that, finds her beloved teddy bear Lancelot in Toby's crib, and Toby just won't stop crying, she wishes the goblins from her favourite book would spirit her little stepbrother away.

She never thought that is exactly what would happen.

Toby's cries fall silent, and the Goblin King gives Sarah 13 hours to find her way to the centre of his great labyrinth before he turns Toby into a goblin.

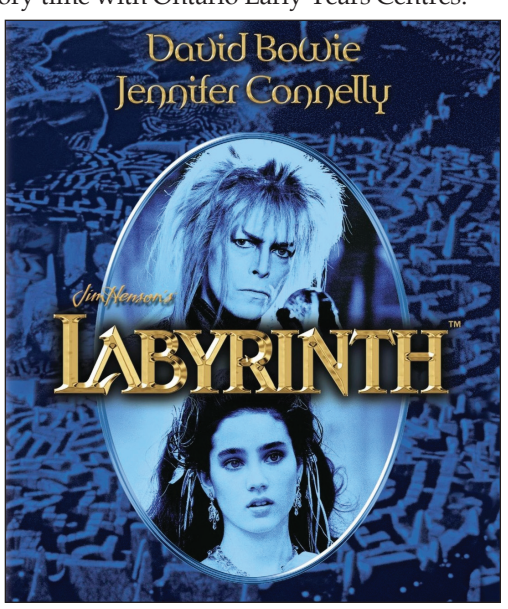
As she races to find Toby before time is up, Sarah will encounter false passages, riddles, illusions, and strange creatures that may be friend, foe, or both.

Along the way she'll learn that her fantasy world isn't as friendly as she thought it was.

Labyrinth is a Jim Henson film starring Jennifer Connelly as Sarah and David Bowie as the Goblin King. It is available to reserve on DVD at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Library News

Jan. 27 is Family Literacy Day! Join us at our Minden branch at 10:30 a.m. and our Dysart branch at 2:30 p.m. for story time with Ontario Early Years Centres.



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Personal/Professional Characteristics:

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To Apply:
Please send a resume and cover letter via email, fax or mail by February 5th to the attention of:

Duncan Robertson, Director
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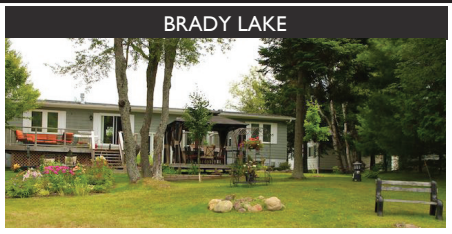
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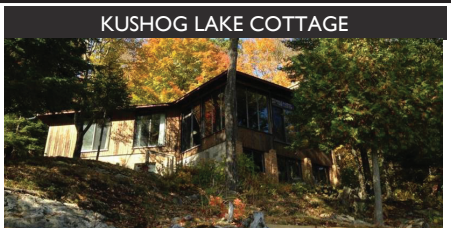
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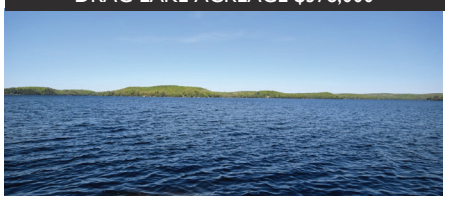
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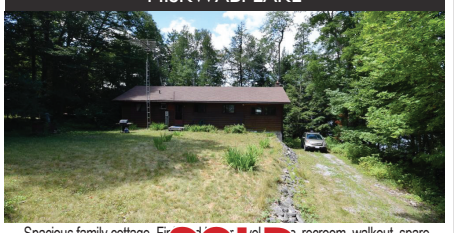
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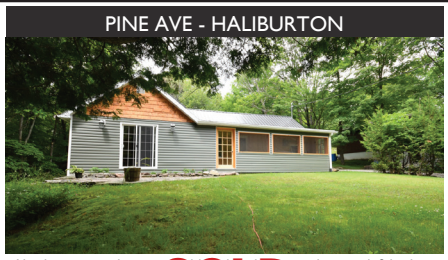
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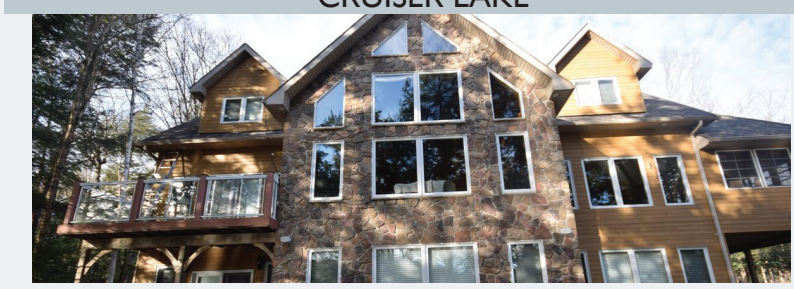
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